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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time being submitted concurrently herewith, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.